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BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Application of Wisconsin Gas Company and Wisconsin Electric
Power Company, as Gas Public Utilities, for Authority to Sell/Buy
Certain Natural Gas Distribution Facilities in Walworth and
Waukesha Counties, Wisconsin

05-BS-116

**NOTICE OF PROCEEDING
AND
INVESTIGATION AND ASSESSMENT OF COSTS**

THIS IS A PROCEEDING to consider the December 6, 2001, application of Wisconsin Gas Company (WGC) and Wisconsin Electric Power Company (WEPCO), as a gas public utilities, for authority under Wis. Stat. § 196.49 and Wis. Admin. Code ch. PSC 133 to sell, purchase and place into operation a portion of the Eagle Lateral pipeline located in Walworth and Waukesha Counties, Wisconsin.

WGC has agreed to purchase from Northern Natural Gas Company (NNG) approximately nine miles of NNG's Eagle Lateral pipeline (docket 6650-CG-210). WGC and WEPCO are proposing that WGC sell to WEPCO and that WEPCO purchase an ownership interest in that portion of the Eagle Lateral WGC is purchasing from NNG. This would allow WEPCO to have continued direct access to NNG's interstate pipeline system.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Commission considers it necessary, in order to carry out its duties, to investigate all books, accounts, practices, and activities of the applicant. The expenses incurred or to be incurred by the Commission which are reasonably attributable to such an investigation will be assessed against and collected from the applicant in accordance with the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 196.85 and Wis. Admin. Code ch. PSC 5.

This is a Type III action under Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 4.10(3). Since no unusual circumstances have come to the attention of the Commission which indicate that significant environmental consequences are likely, neither an environmental impact statement under Wis. Stat. § 1.11 nor an environmental assessment is required.

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Questions regarding this matter may be directed to docket coordinator Michael John Jaeger at (608) 267-2546.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, _____

By the Commission:

Lynda L. Dorr
Secretary to the Commission

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